

Rescue Squads Fund

Fund 240

	2002/03 Actual	2003/04 Current	2004/05 Requested	2004/05 Approved	Percent Change
Revenue					
Interest on Investments	\$6,203	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Fund Balance	0	0	150,596	150,596	0%
From Gen Fund - 1st Responder Program	0	240,000	244,800	244,800	2%
From General Fund	561,667	471,653	481,086	481,086	2%
Total	\$567,870	\$711,653	\$876,482	\$876,482	23%
Expenses					
Property & General Liability	\$59,115	\$67,497	\$72,000	\$72,000	7%
Accounting Services	1,800	10,800	12,300	12,300	14%
Pilot Program - 1st Response	15,250	0	275,800	275,800	0%
Catawba					
Capital	16,127	0	16,500	16,500	0%
Operating	44,588	0	44,200	44,200	0%
Claremont					
Capital	1,727	0	46,475	46,475	0%
Operating	42,894	0	57,126	57,126	0%
Hickory					
Capital	7,667	0	53,500	53,500	0%
Operating	91,561	0	87,850	87,850	0%
Maiden					
Capital	0	0	8,750	8,750	0%
Operating	40,971	0	45,100	45,100	0%
Newton-Conover					
Capital	5,327	0	18,500	18,500	0%
Operating	51,595	0	58,204	58,204	0%
Sherrills Ford					
Capital	5,773	0	25,175	25,175	0%
Operating	45,630	0	55,002	55,002	0%
Pilot Expansion	137,845	240,000	0	0	0%
Rescue Operating & Capital	0	393,356	0	0	0%
Total	\$567,870	\$711,653	\$876,482	\$876,482	23%

Significant Changes:

The General Fund is providing funding for the six rescue squads and the First Responder Program in the amount of \$725,886. The remaining funding is from applying \$150,596 of the Rescue Squad Fund Balance. The majority of this amount is being used to help pay for capital items needed primarily in medical first response.

The single major expenditure for this fund is for the First Responder Program. This program began as a pilot program during Fiscal Year 2002/03 with Hickory and Claremont Rescue Squads. This program was established to help accomplish the Board's goal of a Countywide 4-minute medical first response. Typically the response time for the six squads was over 9 minutes. With this program, the average response time has been decreased to under 6 minutes. The program provides additional funding for the squads that is used to "hire" volunteers on an hourly basis to man the bases. Three criteria must be met by each squad in order to receive the additional funding: (1) an average of 6 minutes or less response time for calls; (2) responding with an EMT-D certified person (ALS -advanced life support); and (3) meet 90% of the calls. Calls are reviewed monthly. Disbursements are made to qualifying squads at \$25/day and \$40/call for all squads except Hickory. The Hickory Rescue Squad has changed its rate to \$40/day and \$50/call in October 2003. If a squad fails to meet the goal, they would be in jeopardy of losing 20% of the operating funding they receive from the County.